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# YMCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REFUSES ACCEPTANCE OF MC GREW RESIGNATION

By JESSE O. THOMAS

The action of the Board of Directors of the Butler Street YMCA in declining to accept the resignation of Mr. J. H. McGrew, executive secretary, should meet the unanimous approval of all the citizens of Atlanta, white and colored, who are intelligent with regard to the fine job Mr. McGrew has done since he has occupied the position as Executive Secretary.

Following the advice of his physician, Mr. McGrew is retiring from active duties in order to give himself a change to completely recover from a condition which has threatened to undermine his health for the past two or three years. His resignation was tendered and take effect as of October 15.

While recognizing the sanity of Mr. McGrew's action, the Board is unwilling to have him relinquish administrative control of the YMCA until it is sure of finding as his successor a man who has been indoctrinated in the "Y" philosophy and knows something of its technique.

Mr. McGrew has completely remade the Butler Street "Y" from the point of view of physical environment. At no time since the day the building was first opened has it presented a more sanitary and wholesome environment than it does at the present time. It has been repainted and redecorated throughout.

Mr. McGrew was born in Shelbyville, Tenn., and received his early education in the public schools of his home town. He later entered Tuskegee Institute from which he received a diploma and trade certificate, specializing in tailoring.

He took a special course at the YMCA Secretarial School at Harpers' Ferry, West Virginia, and the

Eastern Association School at Silver Bay, New York. In addition, he took a course in Social Psychology at Columbia University, New York City.

His first employment after graduating from Tuskegee was as Field Secretary of Tuskegee in the Northwest. He later taught Tailoring and was Dean of Men at St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Virginia. He also began work with the "Y" as a volunteer. It was while he served in this capacity that he met Miss Hattie Smith, who was Dean of Women, who later became Mrs. J. H. McGrew.

He has been connected with the "Y" for twenty-five years and among others has held the following positions with that organization:

Secretary in Charge of the largest Industrial YMCA Building in Buxton, Iowa, with interracial membership, for four years. He was the first colored State Secretary of the YMCA Movement with headquarters in Virginia. He held this job for six years. For thirteen years he was Associate Regional Executive in the National Council with eleven states under his jurisdiction. While serving in this capacity he either organized or reorganized branches in the cities of Lynchburg, Roanoke and Norfolk, Virginia; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Columbus, Georgia; and New Orleans, Louisiana. He also organized interracial committees in some seventy of the one hundred counties in the state of Virginia. He organized interracial groups after the World War. After serving as personnel officer in the state of Virginia, he was borrowed from the state to organize the interracial program.

Two years ago Mr. McGrew was

selected Executive Secretary of the Butler Street YMCA of this city. What he has done in Atlanta is characteristic of the type of work done and service rendered in all of the capacities and relationships he has been given the responsibility and opportunity.

He claims his early inspiration to render service came from observation of and contact with Booker T. Washington, the Sage of Tuskegee.

I am sure that the citizens of Atlanta would, if given an opportunity, speak in unison in this manner.

"Mr. McGrew, we want you to regain your health, but we hate like Old Ned to have you leave Atlanta."

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# DENVER Y. M. SAVED FROM FORECLOSURE

Citizens Rally in Crisis Facing  
Glenarm Branch;  
Raise \$5,000

DENVER. — The gigantic task of raising \$5,000 to save the Glenarm branch Y. M. C. A. from mortgage foreclosure has been accomplished by members and friends of the branch.

In September, the Glenarm branch building, the pride of the Negro citizenry since its erection in 1924, was suddenly threatened with foreclosure when the company holding the \$37,000 mortgage was dissolved and was forced to demand payment.

The company agreed to accept \$30,000 in settlement in full by November 1. Within a few days, a new first mortgage of \$15,000 was secured by the board of directors of the Denver Y. M. C. A. by giving a second mortgage on the Central branch building.

General Y. M. C. A. board agreed to raise \$10,000 of the \$15,000 needed and the Glenarm branch committee of management of which Dr. C. E. Terry is chairman accepted \$5,000 as the branch's share.

After 10 days of campaigning, the branch has \$4,803.72 in hand and the remaining \$697.28 in prospect when the campaign forces report November 16.

Chairman Terry gathered around him an organization that proved invincible. As general chairman, he selected the Rev. H. E. Rahming and Harold Brown as his associates and William A. Sprague, honorary general chairman.

Lt. Earl W. Mann managed Division "A" and Lorenzo Lawrence Division "B". Dr. C. F. Holmes and George Morrison were Mann's associates and Al Savage was Lawrence's right bower. James Travick and Fred G. Young were their respective aides.

Directed By DeFrantz  
Lawrence chose James Gross, M. A. Rutherford, Mrs. Annie Laura Rowell, William E. Parks and Ross Laverty as team captains. Lt. Mann's team captains were Herman Matlock, H. A. Maxwell, Mrs. Nell Hine, Harry Polk, Robert Y. Mitchell.

The executive committee which met daily at noon throughout the campaign, and which secured \$2301, consisted of Dr. C. E. Terry, chairman; the Rev. H. E. Rahming, Harold Brown, Lorenzo Lawrence, Al Savage, Lt. E. W. Mann, Dr. C. F. Holmes, George Morrison, Dr. J. H. P. Westbrook and Ben H. Graham and Rev. Russell S. Brown. R. B. DeFrantz of the National Council Financial Service, New York, directed the campaign. Leon W. Steward is executive secretary of Glenarm branch.

## GROUP PLANS FULL YEAR'S OBSERVANCE

*Dependent*  
William A. Hunton, First  
Secretary To Be  
Honored

12-18-37

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17—The National Planning committee of the Y. M. C. A. met here last Saturday and agreed on a program for the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of the first colored Y. M. C. A. in the country. The adopted plans call for a celebration over the entire year of 1938 culminating in a national conference in October. The jubilee festivities will also take the shape of a memorial to William A. Hunton, secretary of the first Race branch.

Prominent leaders from all walks of life gathered for the meeting under the call of Dr. Channing T. Tobias, secretary, National Council of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. W. R. Valentine, president of Bordentown Institute, presided over the sessions which were held in the Central Y building, Fifteenth and Arch streets.

The objectives of the celebration will be:

1. Acquainting the general public of the accomplishment of the Y organization during the 50 years. (a) Publication of the biography of William A. Hunton, the manuscript to be compiled by Mrs. Hunton; (b) Publication of a souvenir booklet and using the radio, press and movies to dramatize the event.
2. Making and presenting to the fall conference a critical study of the Y. M. C. A.'s program with the idea of revamping the program to fit present conditions.
3. Charting a five-year program in line with the socio-religious trends as will be brought out in the discussions during the conference.
4. Raising a semi-centennial ex-

pansion fund of \$125,000 to enlarge the functions of the Colored work department. Spending \$25,000 a year for the five-year period.

**Hunton Born in Canada**  
William A. Hunton was born in Catham, Ont., of parents who migrated from Virginia. He was appointed by R. C. Morse, general secretary of the International Council, to establish and serve as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for colored men and boys in Norfolk, Va., in 1888. Mr. Hunton later served as secretary of the International committee for work among Race men and boys. The Y organization grew from this one building until now it serves 73 cities and industrial communities and is also established in 140 schools and colleges.

**Tells of Rosenwald's Gift**  
Many interesting facts were brought out at the planning committee's sessions. One of the most glaring was brought out in a chart showing the cost and value of present Y buildings to \$5,815,969 to which the Race had contributed the sum of \$472,558. Julius Rosenwald alone gave \$637,000.

Another showed the national service of the colored work department of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. had reached a peak in 1918, when eight staff members were employed and \$70,000 spent on work among Race men and boys. This sum has dropped now to \$33,000 and only three men are employed.

A national sponsor's committee of 1,000 will be set up to underwrite conference and celebration. Other committees and officers will be announced later.

**Many Attend Session**  
Among those attending the Saturday sessions were: New York state—A. J. Comither, W. H. Jackson, Herbert King, William H. Wortham, R. P. Hamlin, R. W. Bullock, H. K. Craft, R. B. DeFrantz, Thomas B. Dyett, H. W. Pope, C. H. Tobias, Attorney O. D. Williams, Rev. Shelton H. Bishop, Rev. Lorenzo H. King, Dr. E. P. Roberts, John Hailstock, Max Yergan, Montgomery Gregory, A. L. Thomas, J. R. Rhodes, Clifford Alexander, J. W. Imes;

Connecticut—Attorney George W. Crawford; Georgia—Attorney A. T. Walden, John C. Wright; District of Columbia—Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Dr. B. E. Mays, Major Campbell C. Johnson, J. H. B. Evans, H. A. Hunt; Indiana—Attorney Henry J. Richardson; Maryland—William Anderson, Carrington Davis, S. R. Morsell, George B. Murphy, L. Davison; New Jersey—W. R. Valentine, J. W. Bowers, C. M. Cain, Ernest Dawson, Montgomery Gregory, Hilmar Jensen, F. S. A. Johnson, R. T. Lockett, J. B. Redmond, Dr. J. O. Hill, A. E. Flournoy, A. W. Hardy, J. R. Rose, James Williams;

Virginia—J. W. Anderson; Ohio—Ward Overton, Leo B. Morris; Pennsylvania—Herbert Miller, E. Washington Rhodes, Dr. Leslie P. Hill, J. W. McGrew, Dr. John P. Turner, Dr. Frank T. Wilson, J. H. Young, Dr. Harvey J. Green, J. O. Collins,

James M. Reid, Attorney Theodore Spaulding; Dr. Edwin Thompson, Ralph Jones, G. E. Dickerson, Julian P. Harris, John Saunders, Rev. D. W. Henry, Arthur H. Fauset, Dr. Charles A. Lewis, H. H. Cain and others.

## 50th Anniversary Of Founding Of Negro Y Work To Be Observed; Plan Expansion Fund

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — More than 200 Y. M. C. A.'s for Negro men and boys in city and student centers throughout the United States will participate in the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Colored Y. M. C. A. work by William A. Hunton at Norfolk, Va., in 1888, according to an announcement issued Friday, December 17, by Dr. R. R. Moton, chairman of the Colored Work Committee of the National Council Y. M. C. A.

Seventy-five members of a Committee appointed to make preparations for the celebration met at the Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. last Saturday. This group made recommendations which call for celebrations throughout 1938, including local anniversary observances, a national conference in the fall of 1938 and a Semi-Centennial Campaign to raise an Expansion Fund of \$125,000, to enlarge the national services of the Colored Y. M. C. A.

Prof. William R. Valentine of Bordentown, N. J., served as chairman of the conference and William Anderson of Baltimore as secretary. Conspicuous among those who took part in the discussions were: Carrington L. Davis and Geo. B. Murphy of Baltimore; William H. Wortham, Dr. Lorenzo H. King, Dr. Shelton H. Bishop, H. K. Craft, T. B. Dyett, Max Yergan, Channing H. Tobias, Jay A. Urice, R. W. Bullock, R. B. DeFrantz, Leviticus Ly on and Herbert King of New York; R. P. Hamlin and A. L. Comither of Brooklyn; Dr. Emmet J. Scott, Joseph H. B. Evans, Dr. B. E. Mays and Campbell C. Johnson of Washington, D. C.; William H. Jackson of Buffalo; B. W. Overton of Cincinnati; L. B. Marsh of Toledo; A. T. Walden of Atlanta; J. T. Harris of Lynchburg; Sylvester Jackson of Harrisburg; Frank T. Wilson of Lincoln University; Dr. Leslie P. Hill of Cheyney, Pa.; and E. Washington Rhodes, Dr. J. P. Turner, Arthur H. Fauset and Herbert Miller of Philadelphia.

The expansion fund will make possible the following additions to the National staff for a period of five years:

1. A student secretary to be associated with the present secretary who alone is endeavoring to give leadership to approximately 140 school and college Y. M. C. A's.

2. A secretary to organize and serve Associations for Negro youth in the unoccupied areas of the southern states.

3. A secretary to render services nationally to boys and young men's groups, particularly in non-equipment Associations.

**Executive Committee**  
The following executive committee was appointed with power to complete the organization and give direction to the celebration:

Messrs. Thomas B. Dyett, J. A. Urice, H. K. Craft, Hubert Delany, Max Yergan, H. W. Pope, Herbert King, William H. Wortham, Rev. Lorenzo H. King, Dr. William J. Schieffelin, and Dr. E. P. Roberts of New York City.

A. L. Comither, Attorney O. D. Williams and Dr. J. E. Moorland of Brooklyn; E. W. Barnes and A. W. Hardy of Newark, N. J.; W. R. Valentine of Bordentown, N. J.; Dr. R. R. Moton of Capohosic, Va.; Dr. J. M. Gandy of Petersburg, and P. B. Young of Norfolk, Va.; Dr. D. Jones of Greensboro, N. C.; C. C. Spaulding, Durham, N. C.; Geo. B. and Carl Murphy of Baltimore, Md.

Campbell C. Johnson, Dr. B. E. Mays, Dr. Emmett J. Scott and Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson of Washington, D. C.; George R. Arthur and W. Ellis Steward of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. R. T. Hamilton, Dr. J. W. Anderson and William C. Craver of Dallas, Tex.; Attorney Homer S. Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Frank T. Wilson of Lincoln University; Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill, Cheyney, Pa.

E. Washington Rhodes, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paul Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frank L. Williams and O. O. Morris of St. Louis, Mo.; Attorney A. T. Walden and Dr. Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta, Ga.; C. C. Dejuie, New Orleans, La.; George

W. Crawford, New Haven, Conn.; B. W. Overton, Cincinnati, O.; Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., and F. E. DeFrantz, Indianapolis, Ind.



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# FRED YOUNG TO TAKE POSITION AT DENVER "Y"

DALLAS.—After six and one-half years of service in Dallas, Physical Director Fred. G. Young of the Moorland Branch YMCA has resigned to take effect on January 15 when he will leave the city for Denver, Colorado, where he has been tendered the position as physical director at the Glenarm Branch YMCA of that city.

Mr. Young was born thirty-two years ago in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and later moved to St. Louis where his parents now reside. He is a product of the St. Louis Public school and has done considerable work along the lines of his profession at the Chicago YMCA College (now George Williams College) and at the YMCA Summer Schools held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. His YMCA service began with a staff appointed on the Pine Street Branch at St. Louis where he was associated with Mr. Leon Steward, then executive work secretary, now executive secretary of the Denver Branch. After one year he was called to Columbus, Ohio, where he served as physical director of the Springfield Branch of that city until the opening of the Moorland Branch in August 1930, when he took over the physical department and for a time served as executive secretary.

## NEGRO BOYS' CLUB HAS NEW BUILDING

Will Be Open For Formal  
Inspection Tomorrow

The new Negro Boys' Club building, 412-14 16th st., donated by Allen Johnson and Crawford Johnson Jr., will be opened formally for inspection tomorrow.

The building has been remodeled and equipped with showers, vocational training classrooms, game rooms, library and offices. The club is supervised by Aaron Govan.

Negro National Youth Administration director here.

Officers of the club are A. L. Welch, president, and B. C. Graham, secretary-treasurer.

Purpose of the club is to supervise leisure time of Negro boys of the downtown area with a view to preventing crime.

## YMCA Reviews 1936's Changes in Personnel

Greensboro, N. C., Record  
February 6, 1937

NEW YORK.—A list of transfers, placements, and resignations occurring within the personnel of the YMCA's during 1936, has just been released by the colored work department of the National Council, 347 Madison Avenue.

Among the transfers were:

Fritz Cansler, executive secretary, Denver, to executive secretary at Dallas; Herbert W. Miller, executive secretary, Pittsburgh, to executive secretary, Philadelphia; and Henry C. Parker, Jr., activities secretary, New York, to executive secretary, Pittsburgh.

Among Resignations

Officials who resigned included: L. A. Palmer, boys' physical work, Baltimore; J. E. Smith, boys' physical work, Youngstown, Ohio; J. H. Peele, Jr., desk attendant, Pittsburgh; Wilson Berry, boys' work secretary, Cincinnati; G. E. Hines, assistant boys' work secretary, Cincinnati; T. Burton Curry, physical boys' work, Youngstown; Robert J. Patience, acting executive secretary, Philadelphia; and Max Yergan, secretary of the International Committee for Work in South Africa.

C. M. Cain, executive secretary of the Atlantic City Y, is reported on leave of absence working with a Federal Housing Project.

Samuel R. Morsell, executive secretary of the Baltimore Y, was the only official retired in 1936.

Placements Made

Officials placed and their duties included: T. Burton Curry, physical-boys' work, Youngstown; John James, physical director, Toledo; L. W. Tucker, building secretary, Chicago; L. A. Morris, physical director, Cleveland; A. P. Moss, assistant secretary, Springfield, Ohio; E. E. Utterback, community club secretary, Pittsburgh; Meredith Matthews, physical-boys' work, Youngstown, and George Hancock, executive secretary, Rochester, N.Y.

Twelve Students Enrolled

Twelve students are enrolled in various Y.M.C.A. colleges as follows, according to report:

Jefferson A. Beaver, Berkeley, Calif.; Oscar A. Moore, Cambridge, Mass.; Harold Amos, Pennsauken, N.J.; Emmett L. Bryant, Hartford, Conn.; H. G. Christopher, Ogenaw, Ark.; Ralph Greene, Atlantic City;

E. W. Headley, Jamaica, N.Y.; James E. Henderson, Springfield, Mass.; Thomas F. Johnson, Dallgreen, Va.; Percy J. Pitts, Washington; DeAyllon P. Rice, Montclair, N.J., and Donald P. Simmons, Plainfield, N.J.

## NEW Y. M. C. A. BRANCH SET UP

Officers and Committees of  
Negro Unit Have Been  
Selected.

Officers of the Jesse Moreland branch of the Greensboro Y. M. C. A., which was organized recently to serve the negroes of the city, were elected at a meeting of the committee of management held in the administration building of Bennett college Thursday evening. C. E. Dean was named chairman of the board, and other officers elected included William Compton vice chairman, and W. N. Nelson recording secretary.

Reports of the January activities of the new branch were presented by E. L. Raiford, new executive secretary of the association. The secretary reported that inspirational meetings were held during the month, attracting about 250 boys. Hi-Y clubs were organized and basketball leagues were started and teams organized.

List of Committees.

A complete list for the committee of management was named and these were selected for one, two and three year periods, as follows:

Three-year term: C. E. Dean, W. M. Compton, W. N. Nelson, Rev. R. T. Weatherby and Watson Law.

Two-year term: Prof. J. A. Tarpley, Dr. D. D. Jones, Dr. F. D. Blufford, Robert Haith and Dr. B. W. Barnes.

One year term: Rev. J. T. Hairston, J. F. Johnson, Theodore Headen, George Bridges and Fuller Thompson.

Committees appointed for the

year were as follows:

Finance: Rev. R. T. Weatherby, Dr. B. W. Barnes and W. M. Compton.

Membership: Watson Law, Rufus Donnell, Walter Johnson, Rev. J. T. Hairston, O. C. Fisher, J. C. Crump and Ira Bigsby.

Boys' work: J. F. Johnson, J. A. Wooten and A. A. Stewart.

Religious work: Theodore Headen, J. H. Marks and John McClinton.

Physical: Fuller Thompson, J. H. McLean and Thomas Young.

Men's work: P. C. Burge, George Bridges, Robert Haith, James Outlaw and H. H. Crawford.

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2-20-37

Staff Correspondence

RICHMOND—Stating that many published statements concerning his severed relations with the Y. M. C. A. have been unauthorized by him, Dr. Max Yergan gave an exclusive interview to the *Journal and Guide* while attending the Youth Conference here last week.

His authorized statement follows: "I am no longer serving under the auspices of the YMCA. This does not mean any disagreement with it as such; it is a recognition of the fact that the YMCA is committed to a certain policy of work in the zone of agreement, whereas I believe the real problems are in the zones of conflicts; for this reason I seek new auspices which is the International Committee on African Affairs."

## FUNCTIONS OF GROUP

"The functions of the Committee are: To help inform public opinion in regard to what is happening in and to Africa—on the basis of objective research dealing with Government publications, legislative enactments made by governments dominating Africa, and a study of administrative methods."

"To facilitate the education required in order to enable Africans to play a real and effective part in the life of their country;

"To promote the development of co-operatives in Africa; thus in-

creasing organization among the people around vital subjects, and at the same time provide a channel through which trained Africans can serve their people directly with the only control being African control."

"The relation of the new International Committee on African Affairs to the YMCA will be fraternal and co-operative. The Com-

mittee most certainly wishes to keep those friends in the YMCA who are interested in the fundamental problems of Africa.

"I personally cherish and hope to keep the host of friends I have in the YMCA."

## NOTES CHANGES

Asked if he had observed any dynamic gains in the humane approach to social and economic ills in recent years, Dr. Yergan replied: "Yes, the increased awakening among the people to what is really wrong with society; the more direct and pointed effort on part of people's organizations; the realization that our ills are of an economic order and that political actions are required to deal with them, are indications of a great awakening. The millenium has not come; what is happening is a challenge."

Replying thoughtfully to the question: "What factors contribute most to the failure of the YMCA to become an instrument of peace and brotherhood among men," Dr. Yergan said: "The YMCA is doing something, and great credit is due some of its leaders; but its great difficulty is due to the fact that it is too closely tied to forces antagonistic to peace and brotherhood."

**Judge McAfee**

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*St. Louis Argus*  
St. Louis, Mo.

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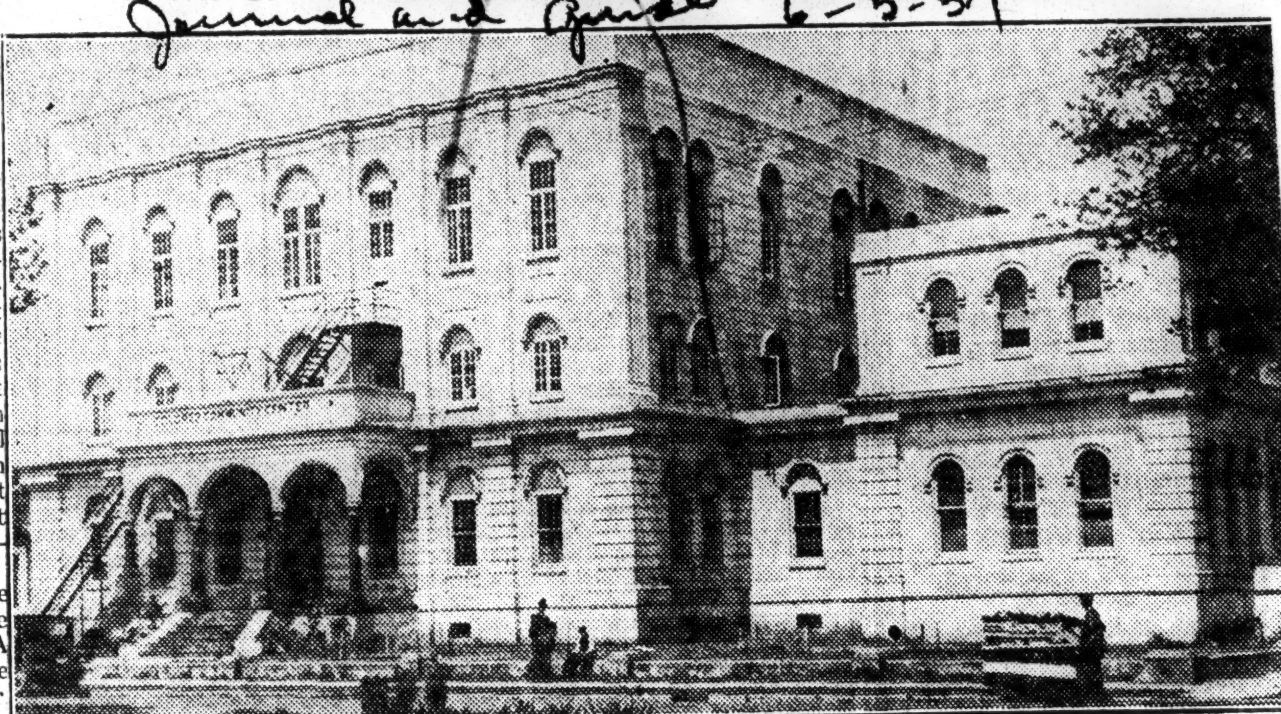
By Young Judge

6-11-37

Circuit Judge J. Wesley McAfee Monday named O. O. Morris, Executive Secretary of the Pine Street Y.M.C.A. as an alternate member of the June grand jury. It is believed to be the first time that a Negro has been selected on a grand jury.

The N.A.A.C.P. and the Mound City Bar Association in 1932 started a vigorous campaign to have more Negroes put on petit juries and grand juries in the state courts, also to have Negroes placed on federal juries. As a result one colored citizen was appointed to a federal jury here and many have been appointed to petit juries.

## Y. M. C. A. AND COMMUNITY CENTER AT MOBILE



The Y. M. C. A. and Colored Community Center at Mobile, Ala., housed in the building formerly occupied by the medical college of the University of Alabama. The wing at the right is

used by the Mobile branch of the Alabama State Teachers College of Montgomery. the national council, YMCA, presiding.

The June term of the Grand Jury will last throughout the summer being the long term and it is expected that Morris will be called in to serve as regular more than once.

## Feels Negro Can Serve Well

When interviewed by an *Argus* reporter, Judge McAfee stated:

"The problems with which the Negroes are confronted in Metropolitan life are difficult and important to the whole community. The term 'Negro Problem' is to me a misnomer. The problem confronting the Negro is the same as that confronting members of any other race when placed in a position of similar economic disadvantage. The viewpoint of the Negro himself should be helpful towards the development of conditions which will afford the Negro population the best interest of the community as a whole."

Judge McAfee was born in Brookfield, Mo., a town which has one-fourth colored population. He is 34 years old and was educated in the public schools of his home town and at Missouri University.

Judge McAfee resides at No. 7 Windermere Place, in the 26th Ward and was elected to the bar in 1934 on the Democratic ticket.

The messenger of the young judge, Edward Freeman, of 422 E. Aldine avenue, commended him very highly.

## Morris Has Been Active

Morris has been head of the local 'Y' since 1927, coming here from the Dayton 'Y', where he served as Boys' Work Secretary. He was born in Danville, Va. he was educated at St. Paul Normal, Wilberforce U., New York U. School of Social Work and took graduate work at Northwestern U.

Morris resides at 6714 Idaho avenue with his wife Mrs. O. O. Morris and daughter, Yvonne and sister-in-law, Ollie Kirkland. He is Treasurer of All Saint Episcopal Church, and a member of the National Park Service, Interracial Council, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Alpha Omega Club, and Board of Managers of Old Folk's Home.

## Nat'l Laymen

*Convene At Bordentown*  
7-24-37

BORDENTOWN, N. J., July 23—The twelfth annual session of the National Laymen's conference of the Young Men's Christian Association was held here, Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, following the regular YMCA Secretaries' Study Institute which had been in session, July 6 to 10. The Laymen's conference presented a symposium discussion with Dr. Emmett J. Scott of Washington, D. C., members of

used by the Mobile branch of the Alabama State Teachers College of Montgomery. the national council, YMCA, presiding.

Present were 37 YMCA secretaries and 101 laymen representing the organizations, besides hundreds of visitors from nearby cities. In his opening address, Dr. Scott set the tempo of conference discussion with an enlightening address analyzing the resultant effects of "propaganda", and "public relations", with applicability to the problems of YMCA organizations.

Among those participating were: Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, member Pennsylvania state legislature; Joseph H. B. Evans, advisor on Race affairs, Washington, D. C.; Roy Wilkins, NAACP, New York, N. Y.; Dr. Howard H. Long, assistant superintendent of schools, Washington, D. C.; Montgomery Gregory, principal of the New Jersey avenue public school, Atlantic City; Benjamin Davis, Jr., editor, *Daily Worker*, New York, N. Y.; and E. Washington Rhodes, editor, *Philadelphia Tribune*.

Doctor Channing H. Tobias, secretary in charge of the Race Work department of the YMCA, was the guiding influence in the Laymen's conference and was ably assisted by Major Campbell C. Johnson, director of the Secretaries' Study Institute and president of the Chesapeake summer school association which sponsors the conference.

The session was concluded with the annual sermon, Sunday morning by the Rev. Shelby Rooks, minister of the Nazarene Congregational church, Brooklyn, N. Y.



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## NATIVES GIVEN KEY POSTS BY NEW DIRECTORS

### Leadership By Africans Yergan's Objective

BORDENTOWN, N. J., July 23—“An effective program for the aid of Africa must include world-wide and accurate publicity concerning the conditions under which the native Africans are living, the training of promising young Africans to provide intelligent leadership for their people; and the development of an economic system which will give employment to Africans,” Max Yergan told the YMCA Secretaries' Study Institute here last week.

**Institute Officers**  
The Secretaries' Study Institute is conducted by the Chesapeake Summer School Association of the YMCA's. Major Campbell C. Johnson of Washington, D. C., is president of the association and director of the Institute. The other officers are: vice presidents: H. H. Cain, Germantown, Pa.; J. H. McGrew, Atlanta, Ga.; Wilbur C. Woodson, Detroit, Mich.; Henry C. Parker, Jr., Pittsburgh, secretary; Ellis B. Weatherless, Brooklyn, registrar-treasurer. Additional members of the executive committee: J. T. Harris, Lynchburg, Va.; H. K. Craft, New York; L. B. Marsh, Toledo; J. B. Redmond, Princeton; A. W. Hardy, Newark.

**Outline Program**  
Several projects were selected from among hundreds of activities successfully conducted by various “Y's” throughout the country to be presented and discussed at the Institute. Among them were: An Interdenominational Church Youth Conference, by Henry C. Parker, formerly of New York City; An Eastern Lenten Program by Wilbur C. Woodson, Detroit, Mich.; An Educational Forum conducted in Buffalo, N. Y.; this paper was prepared by William H. Jackson and in his absence was presented by L. B. Marsh of Toledo; An Amateur Boxing program by Arthur A. Greene, Washington, D. C.; Developing a Competitive Basketball program by H. J. Dargatzis, Brook-

lyn, N. Y.; Neighborhood Boys' Work, C. Wallace Hawkins, Cleveland, O. Evaluation of Services of WPA and NYA Workers in YMCA's by J. O. Collins, Philadelphia.

A. W. Hardy of Newark presented a preliminary report of the commission appointed by the Chesapeake Summer School Association to study membership practices in associations throughout the country.

**Those Participating**  
Leslie J. Thompkins and R. B. DeFrantz of the National Counciling YMCA discussed New Trends in Personnel Practice in the Association. Other secretaries participating in the program were Ivan Band Rhodes, New York; L. A. Lee, Richmond, Va.; J. T. Harris, Lynchburg, Va.; Hilmer L. Jensen, Trenton, N. J.; J. B. Redmond, Princeton, N. J.; and H. H. Cain, Germantown, Pa.

Rev. Shelby Rooks of Brooklyn conducted vesper services daily.

Other secretaries in attendance at the Institute were: from New York City, James C. Arnold, Jefferson Beaver, H. L. Mayers, H. K. Craft, R. W. Bullock; Brooklyn, B. Weatherless, A. L. Comither; Birmingham, Ala., Charles W. Asing; William J. Powell; Atlanta, J. H. McGrew; Columbus, Ga., E. Farley; Indianapolis, Thomas E. Hummons, F. E. DeFrantz; Plainfield, N. J., Ernest A. Dawson; Newark, Arthur W. Hardy; Youngstown, O., S. S. Booker; Meredith Matthews; Cleveland, Ken-

neth A. Morris; Watonga, Okla., M. A. Figa; Philadelphia, Herbert T. Miller; Pittsburgh, Henry C. McCullough, Norfolk, Va.; Washington, D. C., F. M. Robinson, and H. G. Christopher; Pittsburgh, Howard C. McKinney and Everett E. Utterback.

Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch  
September 1, 1937

## Negro 'Y' Building Would Reduce Crime Among Youth of Race, Secretary Contends

Pointing to Richmond's crime rate for persons between the ages of 17 and 25, Mimms W. Lee, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, said he thinks two complete “Y's”—one for white, the other for Negro youths—would actually save the city money.

“My plan,” said Mr. Lee, “would be to enlarge our present building at Seventh and Grace Streets instead of attempting to erect a new one. The building is ideally located, so if it were modernized

were made, it would meet our needs.

“There is an urgent need for a “Y” building for the Negro youth of our city. The

work of the association among that race is very limited. A building and a staff of workers would

mean we could have a program that would include recreation-

al, educational and religious activities.

Statistics show that one out of every two Richmond Negroes between 17 and 25 years of age was arrested last year. Working among them—giving them something to do in their idle hours—would reduce this rate materially.

In this way the city, in my opinion, would actually save money.

I heartily agree with Judge Ricks (Judge J. Hoge Ricks) and since he has several months to make a final decision

their advocacy of more playground facilities for our city. It is my opinion that two complete, modern association buildings would be a worthy addition to their plans!”

Asked how such an undertaking could be financed, Mr. Lee said:

“I believe the money could be realized from a group of public-spirited citizens who would be impressed with the possibilities of such an undertaking for the youth of our city under Christian leadership.”

What are your ideas?



Mimms Lee

## Offer Dean Mays New Y Position

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Benjamin E. Mays, dean of the School of Religion of Howard University, while attending the Executive Committee meeting of the World Y. M. C. A. in London in August, was offered a position on the staff of the World's Committee with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

This is the first time in the history of the Y. M. C. A. and possibly the first time in the history of the Negro in America that a Negro has been offered a position that gave him world-wide contact.

While attending the World Conference of the Y. M. C. A. at Mytongton, England, in January, 1937, Dean Mays was made a member of the World Committee to succeed the late Dr. John Hope. What disposition he will make of the offer is not known.

Chattanooga, Tenn. News  
September 18, 1937

**Negro Y. M. C. A.  
Is Under New  
Management**

The Negro Y. M. C. A. is now under new management.

John L. Pitts, Jr., director of physical education in colored schools, has been elected secretary of the James A. Henry branch, East Ninth Street, and assumed charge Thursday.

Pitts succeeds James Nelms, who resigned to enter another line of work. He is a local product and

has been associated with “Y” and city recreation activities since his days in Howard High School as a student.

The “Y” building, heretofore closed for activities until afternoon, will be open from 8:30 in the morning until 9 o'clock at night, and is now undergoing partial renovation with volunteer labor.

A Howard High School student will be Pitts' paid assistant, it was announced Friday and reorganization of committees and renewal of activities will be effected at a meeting early next week, Pitts said.



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Boys' Meeting.

# AT LONG LAST

**ANNOUNCEMENT COMES** from Stanley A. Harris, director of Interracial Activities of the Boy Scouts of America, that the Boy Scout program has now been extended to Negro boys in the Mississippi area and that as a result of this coverage among Negroes in the United States is now 100 per cent.

It is a tribute to Mr. Harris, that he should be able to break down the barriers completely in twenty years, but no compliment to southern scouting executives who excluded Negro youths from the scouting program merely because of the color of their skin. One of the tenets of the oath administered to all scouts is "to love other people at all times" and if southern scout executives had lived up to the oath they would have long since this time discovered that Negroes are people and thus entitled to join the scouting movement.

If this nation is to ever really become liberal as regards the Negro then it must be done through youths who are born without inhibitions and prejudices. It is only through tutoring from adults that prejudice enters their lives.

The Boy Scout program is one of the finest ways in which to solve whatever problems exist in the South and now that the program has been extended to include Negroes we have hopes that it will really be productive of something



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Boys' Meetings.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Times  
January 22, 1937

## BOY SCOUT COUNCIL RE-ELECTS FOWLE

### Other Officers Named Again by Executive Board.

### Position of Scout Executive Left by Macnab Will Not Be Filled at Present.

Dr. James F. Fowle was unanimously re-elected president of the Chattanooga Area Boy Scout council at a meeting of the executive board last night at the Park hotel. Dr. Alexander Guerry, Dr. Spencer J. McCallie, W. H. Sears and E. J. Walsh were re-elected vice-presidents.

In the report of the nominations committee, which was submitted by Raleigh Crumbliss, E. Lee Smith was elected to serve again as scout commissioner.

Dr. Fowle presided and received reports from committees representing the entire field of scouting. These included: Camping, Carl M. Gevers; court of honor, E. C. Close; cubbing, N. B. Crane; distinguished awards, W. H. Bauer; finance, E. J. Walsh; health and safety, H. F. Wenning; inter-racial, Dr. R. G. Sherrer; training, Dr. Alex Guerry; publicity, Walter Johnson; reading, A. L. Rankin; Sea Scouting, H. D. Huffaker; unit organization, C. P. Wright; scout commissioner, E. Lee Smith.

Mr. Walsh reported for the finance committee that the budget for 1937 was improved over that of any year since 1930, and that the effectiveness of this year's work would be materially improved.

#### Plans for Expansion.

Commodore Huffaker announced plans of expansion of the Sea Scout program. Mr. Gevers stated that plans for improvements of the physical equipment at Camp Tsatanugi were being developed and would be brought to an early completion.

The promotion of cubbing for boys of 9, 10 and 11 years of age showed encouraging gains under the leadership of Mr. Crane, cub commissioner.

The responsibility for promotion of the scouting health and safety program was discussed by Mr. Wenning. Dr. Sherrer in his report as chairman of the inter-racial committee showed a large increase in troops and scouts registered. He stated there were 345 Negro boys in scouting and cubbing.

Charles K. Peacock, scout executive, submitted the council application for charter renewal with his report for the year. An increase, both in troops and membership, was shown. In discussing the vacancy created by the recent resignation of R. C. Macnab, assistant scout executive, to accept the position of scout executive in Jasper, Ala., Mr. Peacock made the following recommendation, which was adopted by the board:

"In view of the fact that our program has had no funds budgeted during the years 1932-36, inclusive, for conferences, cubbing, Negro scouting, publicity, Sea Scouting, transportation and training, the following is recommended:

"First—That our budget of \$9,000 be allocated so as to include these items. "Second—That the position of assistant scout executive be not filled at present.

"Third—That the board plan ways and means to fill the vacancy of assistant executive by the middle of the year."

The annual council meeting was set for Saturday, Feb. 13. This will be a court of honor, E. C. Close; cubbing, dinner meeting held at the Memorial auditorium, to which the entire scout field and the public is invited. At this time the annual awards for distinguished service, the silver beaver, will be made. The William V. Ochs award to the outstanding scout during 1936, honor awards and recognitions are also scheduled for this occasion.

Other officers of the council are: Oscar U. Dykes, treasurer; Lee H. Battle, auditor, and Harry Durand, attorney.

Members of the executive board are W. H. Bauer, C. C. Bower, E. C. Close, Charles B. Coleman, Norton B. Crane, Raleigh Crumbliss, Bradley Currey, R. T. Faucette, George Forbes, W. G. Foster, Carl M. Gevers, Otto J. Bub-buch, H. D. Huffaker, W. C. Johnson, W. S. Keese, Jr., Bert Leiper, T. Rudd Loder, Roy McKenzie, W. H. Odum, A. L. Rankin, Dr. R. G. Sherrer, H. F. Wenning and C. P. Wright.

Dr. Fowle and Mr. Smith are representatives on the national council, and the following are members of the Chattanooga area council:

Dr. J. W. Edwards, Burton Franklin, Milton Grismom, Jo Conn Guild, Jr., Robert L. Hall, Ben F. Hunt, F. Woodall Johnson, Summerfield K.

Johnston, D. T. Jones, A. J. Koblentz, master. H. M. McCulloch, A. E. Nimitz, C. P. Parsons, Si A. Past, J. W. Pratt, M. Collins, Joseph M. Berry, Fred Erick C. Gray, Benjamin T. Gray, W. T. Robinson, W. B. Schwartz, F. G. Shambaugh, Murphy Stewart and Roy B. Terry.

### SCOUT 'COUNCIL HEAD



DR. JAMES L. FOWLE.

### ORGANIZE NEGRO SCOUTS

Steps toward organization of negro scout troops at Jasper, Parrish and Carbon Hill were taken at a meeting Monday night at the negro school in Jasper and attended by Joe D. Conwell, chairman inter-racial committee of the council, Rev. Harrison McMains, council chairman, and Robert Macnab, scout executive. Stanley Harris of the National Council will be in Jasper next month to assist in organization of Elizabeth City, N. C. Advance.

### Negro Boy Scout Troop Is Organized At Mantee

Mantee, Mar. 11.—A Negro Boy Scout troop was organized here this week by the Rev. W. N. Vaughan, deputy scout commissioner in charge of organization in Dare County.

With nine charter members, the Scout troop is sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association of the Negro school.

H. L. Price, principal of the school, has taken the job as scout-

master. Charter members are: Herbert Jackson, Joseph M. Berry, Fred Erick C. Gray, Benjamin T. Gray, Henry Lee Golden, Irvin Midgett, John W. Tillet, Cecil A. Tillet, and Alton M. Westcott.

On the troop committee are Joseph Tillet, Amy Mann, John Pigford, M. C. Collins, Lloyd Meekins and W. P. Midgett.

## TROOP OF NEGRO SCOUTS FORMED

### Palmetto Council Has First Application for Negro Boy Scout Troop

An application was received yesterday at the offices of the Palmetto Boy Scout council for a troop of negro scouts, according to an announcement by James L. Campbell, chairman of the council inter-racial committee.

The application came from the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, North Dean street, and was signed by the pastor of the church, Rev. A. H. Hatwood. Mr. Campbell stated.

The troop committee is composed of Rev. Hatwood, chairman, C. C. Thorpe and T. J. Jefferies. Robert Floyd is scoutmaster of the troop with T. J. Norman as assistant scoutmaster.

Charter Members  
Charter members of the troop are Ernest Byrd, Clyde Campbell, Boyce Dean, James Johnson, Carl Nesbit, George Nowell, Grover Parks, Boyce Young and Edward Lindsay.

At the close of 1936, Mr. Campbell explained, the executive board of Palmetto council decided that work could be started with the negro boys of Spartanburg. During January, A. J. Taylor, assistant to the national director of inter-racial activities, Boy Scouts of America, visited the city and held a training school for negro Scout leaders. Twenty men took the training course under Mr. Taylor.

Three negro churches were extended the privilege of organizing troops. However, the application received today from the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church is from the first negro troop in Spartanburg.

About 800 negro troops of Boy Scouts, with a membership of 20,000 Scouts, were located in the South at the end of last year, it was stated. Memphis, Tenn.; Mobile, Ala.;

Atlanta, Ga.; Nashville, Tenn., and Jacksonville, Fla., are cities with a number of negro scout troops, it was said.

## Scouts Will be Treated Fairly At Jamboree

Denying reported accounts of proposed segregation of scouts at the coming Boy Scout Jamboree which will open here on June 25, Harvey A. Gordon, white, chief engineer of the Boy Scouts of America, assured the Tribune Saturday that Scouts visiting the Nation's Capital for the convention would be "treated here just as they are at home."

Explaining his statement, Engi-near Gordon, seated in his tent headquarters at Arlington, Va., said that the system of housing Scouts is going to be worked out on the merits of each individual case. "We shall extend every effort to make everybody happy," Gordon declared. He explained, however, that if scouts are organized in separate troops at home they will be housed as such troops here at the Jamboree. Each troop will be housed individually in groups of 36, with a single mess hall for the group.

### No Knowledge of Case

Gordon denied having any knowledge of the reported refusal of a first-class scout in Rhode Island to attend the affair because of allegedly planned discrimination. It was reported that a New-England scout leader had been informed not to come to Washington because the Rhode Island delegations would be stationed with groups from the deep southern states.

The Rhode Island officials are reported to have told parents of the youth they felt the southern white scouts would be "very un-kind" to the colored boy from Rhode Island. A large number of Scouts visiting here are expected to be colored.

### Many Workers

Approximately 50 per cent of the men now employed at the Jamboree headquarters in the construction of the "City of

Tents" for the 25,000 scouts are Negroes. A group of chiefs and stewards headed by Louis Walters are in charge of the main dining hall, while nearly 200 other men work in the erection of the tents.



# Negro Boy Scout From Trinidad Is Proud of England

No Discrimination Is Made  
Among Scouts of England  
At Warship Review

By RUDOLPH DUNBAR

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., June 17. — (ANP) — A magnificent and memorable spectacle was witnessed in the historic roadstead at Spithead recently, when King George VI, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth, reviewed his fleet and the warships of 17 foreign nations.

This great naval pageant, made more brilliant by the welcome sunshine, attracted hundreds of thousands of people, both afloat and ashore. Two hundred and twenty Scouts from all parts of the British Empire, were royally entertained by the "Daily Mirror," whose officials hired a special train and chartered a boat for the occasion.

The Negro Scout Gobin, from Trinidad, with his ardour of youth and vigorous enthusiasm, was considered the most personable of all the Scouts, the "Mirror" referring to him as the Scout with the "million-dollar smile."

As Smiling Scout Gobin stared at the big naval review from the deck of the pleasure steamer Sandown, he exclaimed, "My goodness! I guess we fellows back home can sleep pretty safe nights after all!"

For six hours the Scouts sat on the deck of the Sandown counting the strength of the Empire in battleships, cruisers and destroyers, whose long line stretched almost to the horizon. They all gave a tremendous cheer as the royal yacht passed along the lines.

## SCOUTS OF ALL RACES HERE FOR JAMBOREE

Scouts from many countries to the tune of approximately 27,000 pitched tents this week for one of the most important assemblies gathered in this city. The number of colored scouts could not be approximated at this time, although it is known that there are many among the campers.

There is no color line in evidence at the jamboree, except in the cases of Southern units, which are housed according to their races in separate tents, in keeping with the tradition and law of their states.

However, where Northern and Western troops have come to the encampment together, they are remaining together in the same tents.

All of the activities however, are said to be participated in by scouts of all races.

There are three colored scouts here from England, two dark lads from Puerto Rico and one from the Bahamas Islands, besides numbers of American Negroes scattered about in the various contingents.

Norman Cobb, scoutmaster from New York, is attending the jamboree. James Mahoney and Lucius Young are assisting Scoutmaster Hershey.

### 10-Day Celebration

Among those in attendance at the ten-day celebration are:

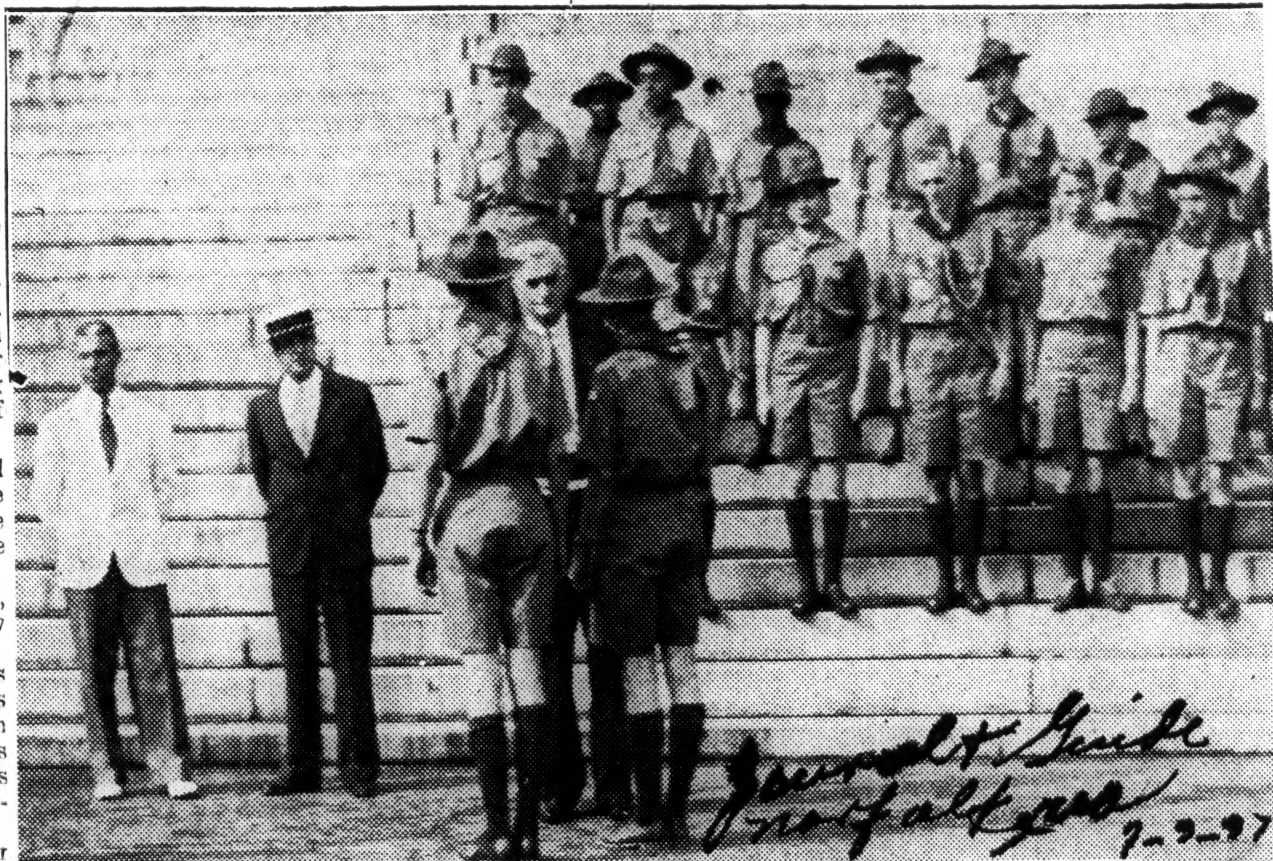
From Delaware: Oscar Carrington, Robert Anderson, S. E. Dickerson, Clarence Horner, F. T. Johnson, Benjamin Whitten; from Roanoke, Va.: Herman Brown; from West Chester, Pa.: Dean Cummings; from Danville, Va.: Barrett Muse; from York, Pa.: Frederick Moon; from Norfolk, Va.: William Choats and Herolix DeLoatch; from Welch, Va.: Emanuel Green; from Washington D.C.: William Edmunds, Norman Robinson, Laurence Jones, Myron Ross, Lucius Young, Gregory Murray, Paul Lindsay, James Mahoney; and from Pennsylvania: Samuel Walker.

The largest delegation so far registered is from Atlanta, Ga.: David Townsley, W. A. Robinson, Minnard H. Jones, Calvin Connally, Fletcher Coombs, James Carter, Claude George, Jesse

Blayton, William Alexander Scott, Mason Coleman, Charles Simmons, Thomas Houston, Sampson Tiller, Clifford M. Ashmore and Andrew J. Lewis II.

A newspaper is printed each day for information of the scouts. James Mahoney and Lucius Young are assisting Scoutmaster Hershey.

## RICHMOND SCOUTS GET FLAG FROM GOVERNOR



A group of scouts of both races are shown extending an invitation to Governor Peery of Virginia to attend the big Jamboree which is being held in Washington. After formally accepting the bid the governor presented the scouts with a Virginia state flag, which they carried with them to the nation's capitol to be flown during the presidential review on July 8, in which 25,000 scouts will participate.

Charlotte, N. C., News  
November 3, 1937

### Movement To Revive

#### Negro Boy Scout Work

A revival of Boy Scout work among Charlotte's colored juvenile population was indicated today at a meeting of the executive board of the Charlotte Boy Scout council, held at 1 o'clock at Efrid's dining room and presided over by Chairman Earl Gluck.

Numerous troops of negro scouts were in existence here prior to the depression and plans are now being laid, stated Scout Executive James B.E. Steere, to revive a number of the inactive units.



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Boys' Meeting.

Augusta, Ga. Chronicle  
October 2, 1937

## AUGUSTA SCOUTS HAVE BEST YEAR

Benefitting From Character  
Chest, Organization Shows  
Record Growth

Taking inventory of the Character Chest at the close of its first year, leaders found yesterday that the venture gave the Augusta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, the best year it has experienced according to reports from H. C. Loric Sr. and H. R. Creamer, chairman and associate chairman, respectively, of the second chest campaign which starts Oct. 14.

There are now more Boy Scouts in Augusta than at any time in the history of the local Council, J. Rucker Newbery, scout executive, reports. During the past 12 months, 1,035 boys had direct contact with scouting and there are 774 boys on the rolls today active as Scouts or as members of Cub Packs. Three hundred and twenty-three active volunteer leaders participated in the program, making a total of 1,097 registered men and boys in the local council, also a record.

There were more boys in camp this year than ever before in Augusta, more camp weeks and more camp activity. For the first time a Thanksgiving and a winter camp are planned. The Cub Pack program for boys of nine to 11 has been definitely inaugurated. New Scout activities for the year included a semi-annual Camporee and an annual Camporal.

Another encouraging feature this year has been the extension of Scouting into the trade territory of Augusta, an arrangement which works for the advantage of the communities so served and of the Augusta Area Council. The field scout executive is made possible through the financial support of the communities he serves, Augusta being financially responsible for the local scout executive.

### NEGRO TROOPS

The Augusta Area Council has four Negro troops, with a numerical strength at this time of 79 boys. Twenty-eight of these boys attended a summer camp some distance from Augusta this year. Encouraging progress in Scouting among

the negroes is reported.

One of the great advantages of participation in the Character Chest, officials of the Augusta Area council say, is that it releases the scout executive from the duties involved in financing the organization and allows him to devote his time, energy, and talent to the work for which scouting came into being. They attribute the splendid record in Scouting this year largely to this factor.

J. Bothwell Lee is president of the Augusta Area council of the Boy Scouts, other local officers being J. J. Willingham, Richard Reid, commissioner, and J. Rucker Newbery, scout executive. The members of the executive board in addition to the officers are A. D. Hemstreet, C. M. Mitchell, J. L. Skinner, Rev. C. T. Vinzant, George Ewing, Fred F. Powers, Louis O'Connell, George Sumerau, R. P. Mayo, R. Jeff Maxwell, James M. Hull Jr., H. J. Miller and W. Y. Compton.

The other participating agencies in the Character Chest are the Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., and Y. W. C. A., reports on whose activities will also be given before the annual campaign.

Augusta N. C. Morning Herald  
November 2, 1937

## BOY SCOUT PIONEER COMES HERE TODAY

National Director Of Inter-  
Racial Activities To See  
Negro Groups

Stanley A. Harris, national director of inter-racial activities for the Boy Scouts of America, will meet with two Negro groups here tomorrow, Claud Humphreys, scout executive for the Oconeechee council, announced here yesterday.

The national executive will meet with Negro ministers at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the White Rock Baptist church. He will meet with Negro laymen at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night in the Community club building, according to Mr. Humphreys.

Mr. Harris, who was born in Tennessee, organized a Boy Scout troop in this country in 1908 (before the movement became national in scope) under British authority.

Local Boy Scouts will hold their monthly court of honor Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in Central junior

# Oldest Jamboree Scout Is Coal Company Medic

The oldest spout the AFRO found at the jamboree was Dr. A. W. Springs, 68, of Hoffman, Director of the Royalton, Ill., mine explosion, of 1914.

The veteran leader posed obligingly for the AFRO camera-  
man, his service belt covered with honors across his chest and  
half way down his back, with his mascot, a mountain bob-cat,  
chained to his tent-rope, flanked by squirrels and a tiny chip-  
munk.

Altom Finis Jenkins of Grimesland, N.C., who arrived Wednesday, was the last colored scout to join the jamboree. Since twelve years is the minimum for scouts, there were plenty of candidates for "youngest scout," an honor still undetermined.

## THEY HAD LARGEST REPRESENTATION



W. A. Robinson, Jr., Minnard H. Jones, Calvin Connally, Fletcher Coombs, James Carter and Claude George. Second row, Jesse B. Blayton, W. A. Scott, III, Charles Shorter, William F. Johnson, Mason Coleman. Charles

Simmons and Thomas Houston. Third row, Sampson Tiller, Assistant Jamboree Scoutmaster, Clifford H. Ashmore Jamboree Scoutmaster Andrew J. Lewis and Norris Connally

## Y. W. C. A. Activities Chronicled

The Interracial Committee of the Y. W. C. A., is that part of the National and local "Public Affairs" program which has to do with the interests and activities of the minority groups. This means the foreign born of the first and second generations, the Indians, and the negro, and varies in different communities according to the preponderant group. In the great cities of the North, the emphasis of the Interracial Committee is apt to be the foreign born, with the acute problems of adjustment to the tempo of American life. This often reaches a climax as the second generation finds itself between the twin millstone of parents who will not or cannot shift from inherent racial habits of mind and action and the upper millstone of the freedom and swiftly moving new surroundings.

The Y. W. C. A. has established in many such centers what is known as the Foreign Institute. There the skills and arts of the home land are developed, the elder members are assisted through the some times painful transitional period, and pride in racial achievements is fostered in the second generation. In the great reaches of the Far West the Indian is the major consideration to the association in working with minority groups. There are still many problems of adjustment to be met, and knowledge of old folk ways and handicraft to be preserved.

In the South, the negro is the large minority group, and for that race so closely interegrated in the fabric of current life, the association endeavors to act as an interpreter of good will, and builder of community well-being. Locally the Y. W. C. A. has a strong interracial committee. Mrs. O. O. McConum, chairman, has recruited her committee from the Churches of Jacksonville. Many of these churches, through their mission study books, have familiarized themselves with the situation and are ready to meet it with sympathetic understanding.

The following are members of the committee: Mrs. J. M. Edenfield, Mrs. W. H. Haddock, Mrs. M. H. Keller, Mrs. L. E. Moon, Mrs. R. H. Perry, Mrs. R. E. Rives, Mrs. A. H. St. John, Mrs. H. O. Fogle, Mrs. Lyman Amsden, Mrs. T. B. Arthur,

Mrs. G. E. Adams, Mrs. A. Beuthien,  
Mrs. L. H. Bingham, Mrs. W. H.  
Burns, Mrs. W. P. Cornell, Mrs. M.  
P. Capen, Mrs. J. F. Dobbin, Mrs.  
George Foster, Mrs. A. C. Holt, Mrs.  
A. S. Harris, Mrs. Bert Kline, Miss  
Clara Kreuger, Mrs. R. J. Lamb.  
Mrs. Malcolm Lockhart, Miss A.  
J. Lehman, Mrs. Forest Mitchell,  
Mrs. Malcolm McClellan, Mrs. E. M.  
Norton, Mrs. Frank Ogden, Mrs.  
F. G. Oetjen, Mrs. J. S. Price, Mrs.  
E. P. Pfaff, Mrs. J. Q. Sharp, Mrs.  
A. S. Shigley, Mrs. M. A. Salvo,  
Mrs. John Sebree, Mrs. Alta Skin-  
ner, Miss Mabel Seals, Miss Alice  
McMaster, Miss W. S. Tillis, Miss  
Julia Titus, Mrs. E. L. Vordermark,  
Mrs. E. B. White, Mrs. R. T. Wil-  
liams and Mrs. R. H. McMillan.

Just at the moment the committee is sponsoring the establishment of a center which is a joint project of the National Youth Administration, the negro citizens of the community, the city is providing a site in Wilder Park, and a group of negroes who are trustees of an educational fund.

Those members of the Blue Delta and the Southern Belles Business Girls not on vacation, shared the pleasure of a beach picnic, Friday evening. Mrs. O. O. McCollum was hostess for the swimming which preceded the tasty supper. Six of the girls spent the night at the beach. Present were Misses Gertrude Hoke.

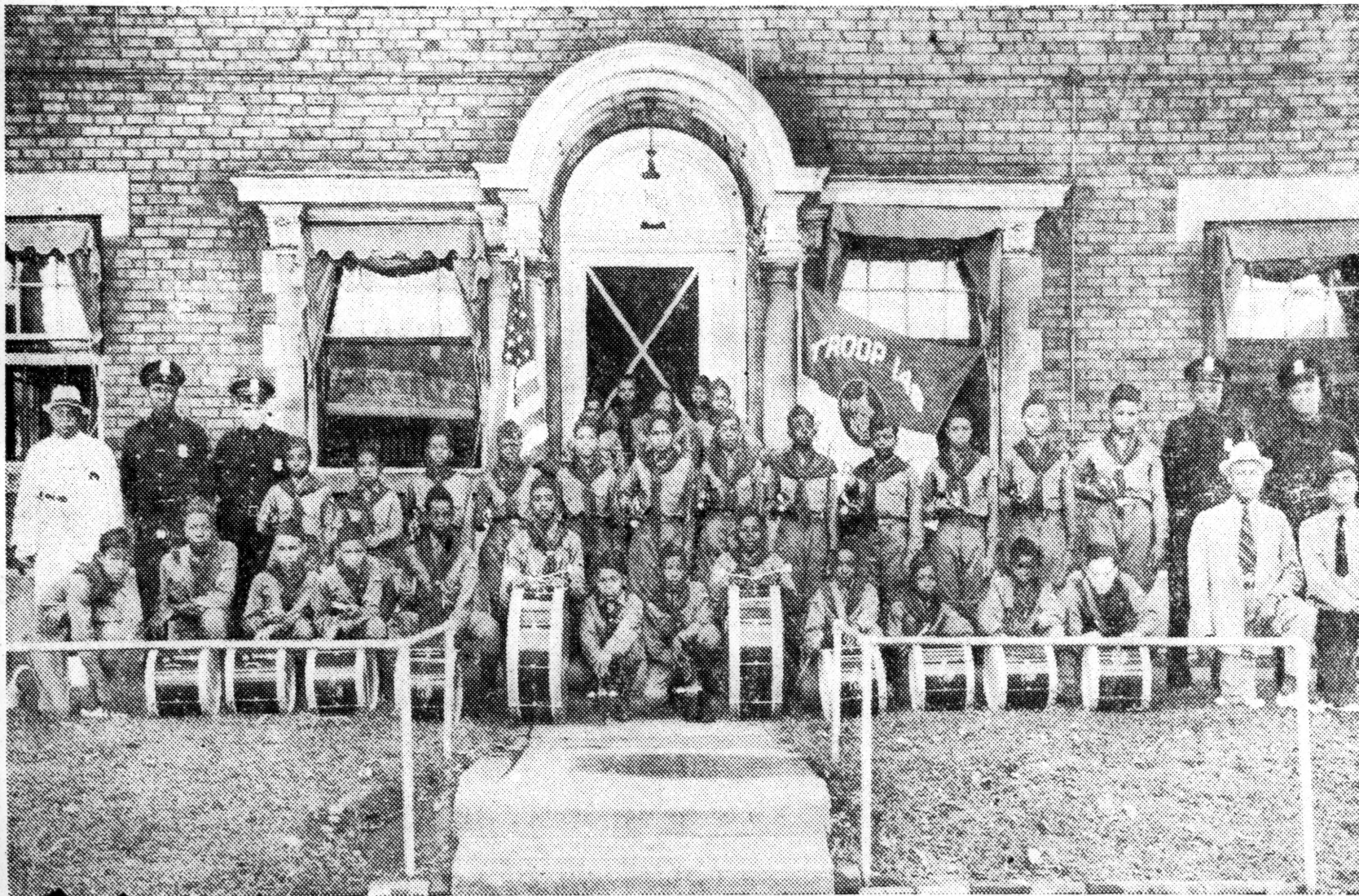
Pauline Prosser, Gladys Peer, Jackie Price, Corrina O'Neal, Thelma Floyd, Hilda Burgstiner, Mary Lou Callaway, Grace Caldwell, Dorothy Brown, Edna Johnson, Louise Burnam, Rua Boucher, Mrs. Belle Rovinson and Mrs. M. A. Salvo.

The Blue Delta Club will meet at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday evening, and from there will go on a tour of inspection of some one of Jacksonville's industries. This is another of the series inaugurated by the Y. W. C. A. business girls' department earlier in the year, and is designed to promote local interest in and information concerning the industries of the community.

Mrs. Belle Robinson, leader of the Southern Belles Club, leaves today for Atlanta, for a vacation. The tennis group of the club will be under the direction of Miss Edna Johnson during Mrs. Robinson's absence.



## Only One of Its Kind in the World



Boy Scout troop No. 146, the only Negro troop in the world to be sponsored by a police department.

Shown is the recently organized drum and bugle corp and members of No. 6 station of the Kan-

sas City police department, who are active in the development of the troop. This picture was taken in front of the No. 6 police station, Twenty-first street and

Flora, headquarters of the troop.

## Drum and Bugle Corp of Police Boy Scout Troop Pleases Many Audiences

BY GEORGE B. BRADY

"The only Negro Boy Scout troop in the world sponsored by a police department," is the single honor enjoyed by Boy Scout troop No. 146 which was organized a little more than a year ago by members of the sixth police district of the Kansas City police department. The institution and development of the troop is a direct result of an idea conceived by Otto P. Higgins, director of the Kansas City police department who felt that the department should foster a movement that would give Negro boys a chance to become useful and desirable citizens.

Besides the cooperation and support of the police department, a

Every Friday night these boys meet at their troop headquarters on the second floor of No. 6 station and under the supervision of scout-master John Botts, the principles of scouting and good citizenship are discussed and practiced.

In keeping with Boy Scout regulations that limit membership of any troop to 32 boys, troop 146 is now a full troop with a maximum enrollment. The troop is divided into four patrols of eight boys.

### Guests of Rotary Camp

Recently the troop were the guests for ten days at the Rotary camp and last week they spent a few days at the Jackson County Boys' home at Little Blue, Mo. where the final tests for the second class requirements were held. According to reports made by the troop, a good time was had while on these outings, in addition to the benefit of the open, and the opportunity to put into practice the various crafts taught in scouting.

### Asked to Appear in Jubilesta

A few nights ago, as a special feature during the policeman-fireman baseball game at Muehlebach field, these 24 scouts were given a hearty reception for their musical performances, they were asked to appear as one of the featured acts during the Jubilesta held here.

Much credit is due the members of No. 6 police station for their untiring endeavor to make troop 146, one of the outstanding Boy Scout groups in the city, and by so doing, create and stimulate an interest in scouting among the other Negro troops here in Kansas City.

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The members of the troop are students of Lincoln high, R. T. Coles Vocational, W. W. Yates Wendell Phillips, Attucks and Sumner schools. The principals of these schools found themselves in an uncomfortable predicament when asked to recommend students but found consolation in the fact that in spite of the many eligible boys available, the membership limits compelled them to recommend only a few that are now members of troop No. 146.

### Troop Personnel

Members of the executive committee are Officer Forest Stirman chairman; Officer R. E. Lee, secretary-treasurer; Officer Carlos Smith, John Jones, and William Kenner, past-scoutmaster of the troop, T. B. Watkins and the Rev. D. A. Holmes. Rev. Holmes is also the troop chaplain.

The following principals are honorary members of the committee; H. O. Cook, Lincoln high school; Joe E. Herriford Sr., W. W. Yates school; H. I. Harwell, Sumner school; R. Brown, Attucks school; and Henley L. Cox, Wendell Phillips school.

Scouts of troop 146 are Bruce Riley, Harry Fields, Arthur Woods, Edward Luther, John Nooner, Harrison Nooner, Ivan Ward, John Welch, Martin Brookins, Prince Murry, Charles Lewis, Merrill Charles, Robert Jenkins, George Devlin, George Herrin, John Botts Jr., Frank Patterson, William King James Washington, Lewis Johnson Leroy Dennis, Russell Thompson Ivan Ballard, James Few, Oliver Patterson, Walter Leonard, Winston Few, Elbert Barber, George Howard, Charles Jones, Richard Morris, and Marshall Seay. John Botts Sr., is scoutmaster and Officer Sam Royston, assistant scoutmaster.

Patrol leaders are Frank Patterson, John Botts Jr., Walter Leonard, and George Howard. Examining physician for the boys is Dr. L. M. Tillman.

Although able leaders and interested sponsors have done much in the way of assuring the success and popularity of this troop, nevertheless this progress could not have been possible without the boundless enthusiasm that is constantly being displayed by the scouts themselves.



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National Negro Youth Week.

Augusta (Ga.) Herald  
January 13, 1937

#### NATIONAL NEGRO YOUTH WEEK BEING OBSERVED BY NATION

National Negro Youth Week is being observed this week throughout the nation. The activities, which is supposed to have begun with a national "Fast Day" Monday, and with a tag day January 16th, will center attention in the All-Southern Youth Conference to be held in Richmond, Va., February 13, 14, according to Louis Burnham, executive secretary of the New York Youth Council, of the National Negro Congress.

It is said that a representative youth delegation from all sections of the country, will call on President Roosevelt during the youth week to discuss the problems of Negro youth and make remedial request measures. "From reports already received, we believe activities during this week will blanket the nation", Burnham said, who explained that it is planned to have delegations call on various state governors and city officials during the week.

It is estimated that more than 500 youth delegates will attend the Richmond conference, many already having been elected in Tennessee and Alabama, according to Burnham. The conference will be held under the auspices of the National Youth Section of the Congress, of which Edward Strong is chairman.

#### ALL SOUTHERN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Various character building institutions in the state are interested at present in getting Texas youths and their parents advised about the benefits to be derived from the All-Southern Youth Conference which is called for February 13 and 14 at Richmond, Virginia. The aim of the conference is to find out what the youth of today is thinking about four or five major issues affecting their welfare. The conference is sure to attract many of the best minds in both races.

Any youth from Texas who gets to that conference will feel the benefits the rest of his or her life. If we controlled the schools, we would send every high school senior just to listen and make every college student go and take part. Attendance at the conference will be worth a whole semester of study. Youths will have broadened outlooks after attendance. They understand their immediate problems better by reason of having seen the same problems in other sections. Their ideas will be clarified by the discussion of the keenest minds in America.

It is to be hoped that every section of Texas will have youths to attend and bring the benefits of the conference to their respective communities. What an advantage for the leadership of tomorrow to have broad foundations given to the training of our youths! On to Richmond, Texas Youths! For information call your YMCA, YWCA or write to the All Southern Youth Conference, 717 Florid Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.